

annual installments or series, beginning not more than three years after the date of the bonds of such issue and ending not more than thirty years after such date. No such installment shall be more than two and one-half times as great in amount as the smallest prior installment, or the same bond issue. The bonds and/or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and may have interest coupons attached, and may be made registerable as to principal or as to both principal and interest, under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by said board. They shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and the seal of the county shall be affixed to or impressed upon each bond and/or note and attested by the Register of Deeds of the county or by the clerk of said board; and the interest coupons shall bear the printed, lithographed or facsimile signature of such chairman. The delivery of bonds and/or notes, signed as aforesaid by officers in office at the time of such signing, shall be valid, notwithstanding any changes in office occurring after such signing.

Interest rate.

Registration.

Execution of bonds.

Special tax levy authorized.

SEC. 8. The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to levy annually a special tax, ad valorem, on all taxable property in the district or in the special bond tax unit in which the election was held, sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds and/or notes as such principal and interest become due. Such special tax shall be in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied in such district or in such unit. The taxes provided for in this section shall be collected by the county officer collecting other taxes and be applied solely to the payment of principal and interest of such bonds and/or notes.

Collection and application.

Other obligations contracted for benefit of special districts.

SEC. 9. That in case a county, through its Board of Education and County Commissioners, or any other governing body, shall borrow money for school purposes from the State of North Carolina Literary Fund or from any of the special building funds of the State, or shall contract an indebtedness to any other source for the benefit of any school district coming within the provisions of this Act, the county shall have full power and authority to pay said indebtedness exclusively out of taxes to be levied in such district or unit receiving the benefit of said loan or indebtedness, except the Board of County Commissioners may pay from county funds any part of the principal and interest of said indebtedness: *Provided*, that if the county shall not take over and pay such indebtedness, any unit or units established hereunder shall not be liable for any indebtedness incurred in the future by any other unit or units of the county for similar purposes.

Repayment from district or county funds.